

RESPONSE

The interview with examiner Lien Ngo on October 12, 2005 is acknowledged with appreciation. The examiner's interview summary is accurate as to what transpired at the interview.

Claims 1-5, 9-10, 21, 27-29, 34-35 and 38 were cancelled in a previous amendment. Claims 15-16, 31-33, 39-40 and 62-64 are cancelled via the present amendment without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 9-10, 15-16, 21, 27-29, 31-35, 38-40 and 62-64 remain canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 17-18, 31, 39, 41, 42, 44, 51 and 62 are amended. New claim 65 is added.

The office action indicates claims 6-8, 11-14, 17-20, 22-26, 30 and 36-37 are allowed and claim 51 is objected to and would be allowed if placed in independent form. Claims 17, 18 and 51 have been amended to be in independent form. Claim 41 has been amended as agreed at the interview to avoid the prior art of record. Claims 42-50 and 52-61 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 41 and are allowable at least for the same reasons as claim 41. As discussed at the interview claim 65 is allowable.

Claim 41 is directed to a liquid container comprising a cup, lid, a first position and a second position blocking removal of the lid from the cup, the second position maintaining at least the vertical annular seal. As discussed at the interview, the prior art of record and Tucker et al. do not teach or suggest these limitations as recited in claim 41.

New claim 65 is directed to a liquid container comprising a cup, lid, a first position and a second position whereby lid movement engages at least one of the first lid-removal blocker with the first lid retainer and the second lid-removal blocker wall with the second lid retainer to block removal of the lid from the cup. As discussed at the interview, the prior art of record and Tucker et al. do not teach or suggest these limitations as recited in claim 65.

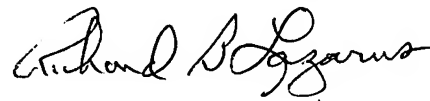
In view of the above, all of the remaining claims (Nos. 6-8, 11-14, 17-20, 22-26, 30, 36-37, 41-61 and 65) are in condition for allowance and allowance of the present application is requested.

If there is any issue remaining to be resolved, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that resolution can be promptly effected.

No additional claims fees appear to be due. It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (5723-73575).

Respectfully submitted,

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